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| In re the Application of: |) Group Art Unit: 3739 |
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated August 17, 2005 in which a requirement for restriction is made. In response to this requirement, Applicant elects the embodiment of Figures 8-11. Claims 5-11 read on the elected invention.

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